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September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in separate photo opportunities with 2006 National Spelling Bee champion Katharine “Kerry” Close and the 2006 Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Stacey Walker and regional finalists Kelly Barefield, Alyse Eady, Montorie Lee, and David Shelly.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients.

In the evening, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the musical drama “Asleep at the Wheel: A Ride With Bob.”

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding, including severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto, from August 29 to September 7.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 20

Kay Kelley Arnold,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (re-appointment).

Dana K. Bilyeu,
of Nevada, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010, vice Gerald M. Shea, term expired.

Barbara Boxer,
of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Gary C. Bryner,
of Utah, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Nancy Dorn, term expired.

Norman B. Coleman,
of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Thomas Joseph Dodd,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Nadine Hogan.

Cecil E. Floyd,
of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Hector E. Morales,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2010, vice Jose A. Fourquet, resigned.

John P. Salazar,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012, vice Anita Perez Ferguson.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr.,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012, vice Roger Francisco Noriega.

Jack Vaughn,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012 (re-appointment).

Mark J. Warshawsky,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2012, vice Harold Daub, term expired.

Withdrawn September 20

Nadine Hogan,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008, vice Frank D. Yturria, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

Nadine Hogan,
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008 (reappointment), to which position she was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 3, 2006, to January 18, 2006, which was sent to the Senate on February 10, 2006.

John E. Maupin, Jr.,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010, vice Gerald M. Shea, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005.

Submitted September 21

Steven R. Chealander,
of Texas, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2007, vice Ellen G. Engleman, resigned.

Curtis S. Chin,
of New York, to be U.S. Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Paul William Speltz.

Ronald Spogli,
of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

Craig Roberts Stapleton,
of Connecticut, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Monaco.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released September 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Senior Director for East Asian Affairs Dennis C. Wilder, National Security Council Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Daniel W. Fisk, and National Security Council Senior Director for African Affairs Cindy L. Courville on the President's bilateral meetings

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's annual report on the Major Drug Transit or Major Illicit Drug Producing Countries for Fiscal Year 2007

Released September 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser for Iraq and Afghanistan Meghan O'Sullivan, National Security Council Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights, and International Organizations Michael G. Kozak, and National Security Council Senior Director for European Affairs Judith A. Ansley on the President's bilateral meetings

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan and President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan

Fact sheet: Address to the UN General Assembly: A More Hopeful World Beyond Terror and Extremism

Released September 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser for Global Democracy Strategy Elliott Abrams on the President's bilateral meeting with President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority